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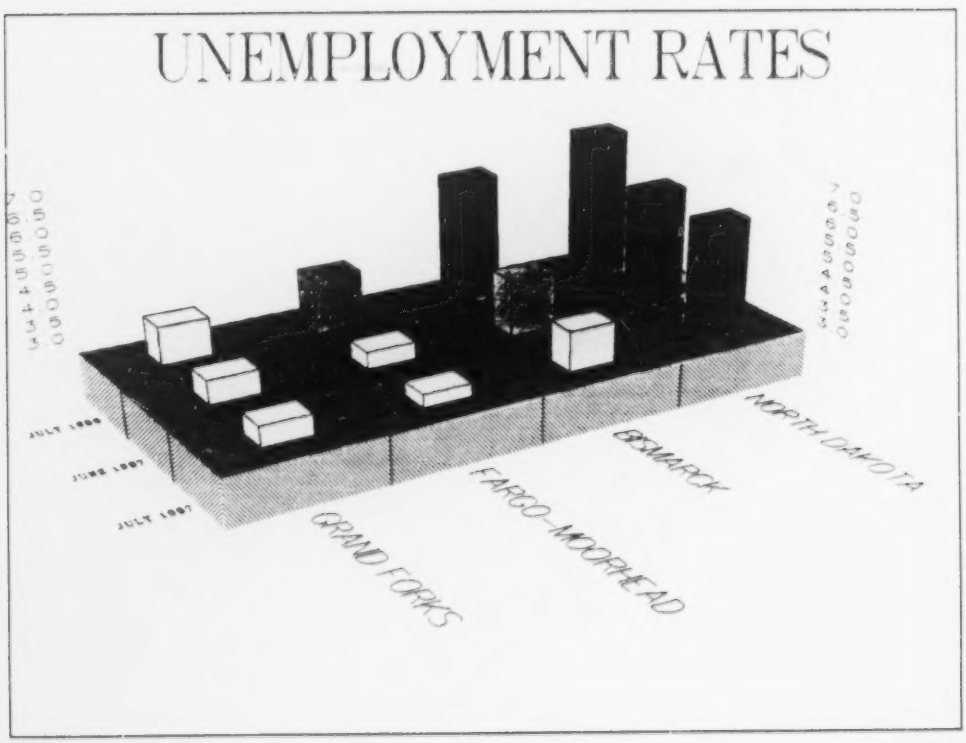

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NORTH DAKOTA LABOR FORCE HIGHLIGHTS

NORTH DAKOTA: The labor force in North Dakota has shown constant growth since last December when it was estimated at 313,140. The July figure stood at 347,340. Total employment has shown steady growth with 333,600 workers employed. In January 1987, an estimated 21,050 workers were unemployed. Although the number remained at approximately 19,500 in both February and March, it has dropped steadily since then with an estimated 13,740 unemployed as of July. The last time the number of unemployed was this low was in September 1984 with 12,760 people out of work. The last time there were fewer people unemployed in the month of July was in 1979 when the number stood at 9,670. The unemployment rate has dropped from 6.9% in January to an even 4.0% in July. Last year the unemployment rate stood at 5.9%.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: Although much of the short-term gain outlined above is seasonal agricultural employment, there has been growth in the nonagricultural sector as well. After dropping sharply following the holiday season, employment moved up slowly through June when it peaked at 254,100. The decline to 252,200 in July was the result of state and local schools closing for the summer months. This involves a temporary drop of 3,300 in the public educational sector. Although construction is up by 500 over the month, it is 400 below the 13,300 employed in the industry one year ago. The manufacturing industry is showing some promising growth, especially in the durable goods segment, where employment rose from 6,400 last July to 6,900 in July 1987. All areas, except stone, clay and glass, reported over-the-year increases. This includes lumber and furniture, fabricated metals, machinery, transportation equipment and miscellaneous durable products. The trucking segment of the transportation, communications and utilities industry is also showing growth with 500 workers added since last July. Wholesale and retail trade are not showing any significant movement. Both the durable and nondurable segments of wholesale trade are down 200 from last July while retail posted a gain of 700 (1.5%). Finance, insurance and real estate remained quite stable, ranging from 12,600 to 12,700. Services, although down by 100 over the month, added 1,100 since last July. Nearly all the gain was in medical services, which includes hospitals and nursing homes as well as clinics and other entities involved in providing health care.

NORTH DAKOTA'S METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA's (MSAs): The Fargo-Moorhead MSA added 4,150 employed workers to the labor force, while unemployment dropped from 3,360 in July 1986 to an even 2,500 one year later. With this drop of 860 in the number of unemployed coupled with the increase in employment, the unemployment rate dropped sharply from 4.1% one year ago to 2.9% in July 1987.

The other two MSAs, Bismarck (which includes Burleigh and Morton counties), and Grand Forks had minor declines in their labor force. However, in both cases, employment was up, while the number of unemployed dropped. The changes in Grand Forks involved less than 200 workers, but the end result was a drop in the unemployment rate from 3.6% to 3.1% over the year. In the Bismarck MSA, the number of individuals employed increased by over 1,100 while unemployment dropped by nearly 1,200. The net result was a sharp drop in the unemployment rate from 6.2% in July 1986 to 3.7% in July 1987.

Detailed changes in the nonagricultural sector, by industry, for the MSA's can be found on page 4. Additional information on the labor force, nonagricultural wage and salary employment, and related data can be obtained by calling Dale Dehlin toll-free in North Dakota at 1-800-732-9787. Local inquiries or calls from out of state should call (701) 224-3050.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Rounded to Hundreds)

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
I N D U S T R I E S	JULY 1987	JUNE 1987	JULY 1986	JUNE 1987	JULY 1986
TOTAL	252,200	254,100	250,600	-0.7%	0.6%
MINING	4,100	4,100	4,400	0.0%	-6.8%
COAL	1,100	1,100	1,200	0.0%	-8.3%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,500	2,500	2,700	0.0%	-7.4%
OTHER MINING	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	12,900	12,400	13,300	4.0%	-3.0%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	3,500	3,200	3,700	9.4%	-5.4%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	3,700	3,600	4,000	2.8%	-7.5%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	5,700	5,600	5,600	1.8%	1.8%
MANUFACTURING	16,100	15,900	15,600	1.3%	3.2%
DURABLE GOODS	6,900	6,800	6,400	1.5%	7.8%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	800	800	900	0.0%	-11.1%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	800	800	700	0.0%	14.3%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	4,000	3,900	3,700	2.6%	8.1%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,300	1,300	1,100	0.0%	18.2%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,200	9,100	9,200	1.1%	0.0%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,500	4,500	4,500	0.0%	0.0%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	800	800	900	0.0%	-11.1%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	1,700	1,700	1,500	0.0%	13.3%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	300	400	300	-25.0%	0.0%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,700	1,600	1,800	6.3%	-5.6%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,300	2,200	2,300	4.5%	0.0%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	16,100	16,100	15,800	0.0%	1.9%
TRANSPORTATION	8,000	8,000	7,600	0.0%	5.3%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	4,800	4,800	4,300	0.0%	11.6%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,200	3,200	3,300	0.0%	-3.0%
COMMUNICATION	3,200	3,200	3,300	0.0%	-3.0%
UTILITIES	4,900	4,900	4,900	0.0%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH JULY 1987	PREVIOUS MONTH JUNE 1987	ONE YEAR AGO JULY 1986	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH JUNE 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR JULY 1986
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,300	19,500	19,700	-1.0%	-2.0%
DURABLE GOODS	9,200	9,200	9,400	0.0%	-2.1%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,100	10,300	10,300	-1.9%	-1.9%
RETAIL TRADE	48,600	48,400	47,900	0.4%	1.5%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,200	6,200	6,000	0.0%	3.3%
FOOD STORES	6,700	6,700	6,600	0.0%	1.5%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,700	6,600	6,700	1.5%	0.0%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER RETAIL	26,400	26,300	26,000	0.4%	1.5%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,700	12,700	12,600	0.0%	0.8%
FINANCE	6,900	6,900	6,900	0.0%	0.0%
BANKING	4,200	4,200	4,300	0.0%	-2.3%
OTHER FINANCE	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
INSURANCE	3,900	3,900	3,800	0.0%	2.6%
REAL ESTATE	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	60,500	60,600	59,400	-0.2%	1.9%
LODGING	4,200	4,200	4,300	0.0%	-2.3%
HEALTH SERVICES	26,300	26,300	25,300	0.0%	4.0%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	19,400	19,500	18,700	-0.5%	3.7%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	6,900	6,800	6,600	1.5%	4.5%
OTHER SERVICES	30,000	30,100	29,800	-0.3%	0.7%
GOVERNMENT	61,900	64,400	61,900	-3.9%	0.0%
FEDERAL	10,300	10,200	9,900	1.0%	4.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	17,900	18,900	18,200	-5.3%	-1.6%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	10,200	11,400	10,500	-10.5%	-2.9%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	7,700	7,500	7,700	2.7%	0.0%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33,700	35,300	33,800	-4.5%	-0.3%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	13,600	15,700	13,800	-13.4%	-1.4%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	20,100	19,600	20,000	2.6%	0.5%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	JULY 1987	JUNE 1987	JULY 1986	JUNE 1987	JULY 1986
TOTAL	69,100	70,200	66,500	-1.6%	3.9%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	4,000	3,800	3,900	5.3%	2.6%
MANUFACTURING	5,100	5,100	4,700	0.0%	8.5%
DURABLE GOODS	2,200	2,200	1,900	0.0%	15.8%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,900	2,900	2,800	0.0%	3.6%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	4,200	4,200	4,100	0.0%	2.4%
TRADE	20,900	21,000	20,300	-0.5%	3.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,500	6,500	6,500	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	14,400	14,500	13,800	-0.7%	4.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,500	4,500	4,300	0.0%	4.7%
SERVICES	18,400	18,300	17,500	0.5%	5.1%
GOVERNMENT	12,000	13,300	11,700	-9.8%	2.6%
FEDERAL	2,200	2,200	2,100	0.0%	4.8%
STATE & LOCAL	9,800	11,100	9,600	-11.7%	2.1%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,700	29,000	28,600	-1.0%	0.3%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	2,100	1,900	2,100	10.5%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,700	1,800	1,600	-5.6%	6.3%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,300	1,400	1,500	-7.1%	-13.3%
TRADE	8,000	8,200	7,900	-2.4%	1.3%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,400	1,500	1,500	-6.7%	-6.7%
RETAIL TRADE	6,600	6,700	6,400	-1.5%	3.1%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	6,300	6,500	6,200	-3.1%	1.6%
GOVERNMENT	8,100	8,000	8,100	1.3%	0.0%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,600	37,000	36,100	-1.1%	1.4%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,800	1,800	1,700	0.0%	5.9%
MANUFACTURING	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	0.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	9,800	9,800	9,700	0.0%	1.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,200	2,200	2,300	0.0%	-4.3%
RETAIL TRADE	7,600	7,600	7,400	0.0%	2.7%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,600	1,700	0.0%	-5.9%
SERVICES	10,200	10,200	10,000	0.0%	2.0%
GOVERNMENT	8,300	8,700	8,100	-4.6%	2.5%

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U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Annual Average 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	Percent Change From June 1987	Percent Change From July 1986
All Items	328.4	340.8	340.1	328.0	0.2%	3.9%
Food & Beverage	311.8	325.1	325.4	312.2	-0.1%	4.1%
Housing	360.2	370.9	371.3	361.5	-0.1%	2.6%
Apparel & Upkeep	207.8	215.9	214.5	203.2	0.7%	6.3%
Transportation	307.5	317.8	316.7	304.7	0.3%	4.3%
Medical Care	433.5	464.6	461.3	434.8	0.7%	6.9%
Entertainment	274.1	283.8	282.3	274.4	0.5%	3.4%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	Percent Change From June 1987	Percent Change From July 1986
All Commodities	299.8	310.2	308.5	297.4	0.6%	4.3%
Farm Products & Processed Food and Feeds	252.0	261.8	263.0	254.2	-0.5%	3.0%
Industrial Commodities	312.1	322.6	320.2	308.5	0.7%	4.6%

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	401.13	406.07	391.55	40.6	41.1	40.2	9.88	9.88	9.74
Durable Goods	426.81	434.93	417.99	41.0	41.7	40.7	10.41	10.43	10.27
Nondurable Goods	366.40	367.54	356.00	40.0	40.3	39.6	9.16	9.12	8.99
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	321.48	322.10	311.85	38.5	38.3	38.5	8.35	8.41	8.10
Durable Goods	358.75	355.19	342.00	41.0	40.5	40.0	8.75	8.77	8.55
Nondurable Goods	294.70	298.00	290.60	36.7	36.7	37.4	8.03	8.12	7.77
Food & Kindred	297.17	292.50	305.25	37.1	36.2	38.3	8.01	8.08	7.97
Printing and Publishing	255.23	254.81	259.56	30.9	30.7	30.9	8.26	8.30	8.40
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	302.28	312.75	306.73	35.9	37.1	37.0	8.42	8.43	8.29
Durable Goods	322.87	335.62	309.04	38.3	39.3	38.2	8.43	8.54	8.09
Nondurable Goods	286.78	294.88	306.01	34.1	35.4	36.3	8.41	8.33	8.43

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	July'87	June'87	July'86	July'87	June'87	July'86	7/87	6/87	7/86	7/87	6/87	7/86
Divide	1,774	1,645	1,912	1,739	1,608	1,813	35	37	99	2.0%	2.2%	5.2%
McKenzie	3,254	2,813	3,671	3,058	2,624	3,363	196	189	308	6.0%	6.7%	8.4%
Williams	11,230	11,199	13,772	10,472	10,315	11,892	758	884	1,880	6.7%	7.9%	13.7%
REGION 1	16,258	15,657	19,355	15,269	14,547	17,068	989	1,110	2,287	6.1%	7.1%	11.8%
Bottineau	4,025	3,969	4,130	3,856	3,768	3,857	169	201	273	4.2%	5.1%	6.6%
Burke	1,575	1,562	1,770	1,484	1,466	1,623	91	96	147	5.8%	6.1%	8.3%
McHenry	3,321	3,201	3,496	3,067	2,944	3,102	254	257	394	7.6%	8.0%	11.3%
Mountrail	3,772	3,649	3,989	3,508	3,391	3,605	264	258	384	7.0%	7.1%	9.6%
Pierce	2,931	2,874	3,090	2,848	2,776	2,962	83	98	128	2.8%	3.4%	4.1%
Renville	1,540	1,351	1,641	1,478	1,273	1,481	62	78	160	4.0%	5.8%	9.8%
Ward	26,258	26,590	26,717	25,259	25,398	25,092	999	1,192	1,625	3.8%	4.5%	6.1%
REGION 2	43,422	43,196	44,833	41,500	41,016	41,722	1,922	2,180	3,111	4.4%	5.0%	6.9%
Benson	3,719	3,579	3,749	3,413	3,265	3,479	306	314	270	8.2%	8.8%	7.2%
Cavalier	3,146	3,005	3,076	3,006	2,855	2,943	140	150	133	4.5%	5.0%	4.3%
Eddy	1,725	1,697	1,769	1,605	1,574	1,660	120	123	109	7.0%	7.2%	6.2%
Ramsey	7,046	7,038	6,895	6,757	6,763	6,625	289	275	270	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%
Rolette	5,302	5,386	5,655	4,589	4,682	4,868	713	704	787	13.4%	13.1%	13.9%
Towner	2,051	1,948	1,961	2,012	1,890	1,898	39	58	63	1.9%	3.0%	3.2%
REGION 3	22,989	22,653	23,105	21,382	21,029	21,473	1,607	1,624	1,632	7.0%	7.2%	7.1%
Grand Forks	35,566	35,509	35,652	34,450	34,373	34,376	1,116	1,136	1,276	3.1%	3.2%	3.6%
Nelson	2,304	2,291	2,405	2,222	2,203	2,276	82	88	129	3.6%	3.8%	5.4%
Pembina	5,826	5,372	5,897	5,426	4,983	5,422	400	389	475	6.9%	7.2%	8.1%
Walsh	8,981	8,814	9,200	8,573	8,375	8,720	408	439	480	4.5%	5.0%	5.2%
REGION 4	52,677	51,986	53,154	50,671	49,934	50,794	2,006	2,052	2,360	3.8%	3.9%	4.4%
Cass	58,592	58,674	56,564	57,173	57,247	54,412	1,419	1,427	2,152	2.4%	2.4%	3.8%
Ransom	3,182	2,967	3,145	3,090	2,904	3,065	92	63	80	2.9%	2.1%	2.5%
Richland	9,453	9,278	9,429	9,069	8,972	9,032	384	306	397	4.1%	3.3%	4.2%
Sargent	2,874	2,866	2,989	2,801	2,783	2,856	73	83	133	2.5%	2.9%	4.4%
Steele	1,513	1,349	1,518	1,469	1,297	1,432	44	52	86	2.9%	3.9%	5.7%
Traill	5,131	4,941	5,069	4,885	4,753	4,748	246	188	321	4.8%	3.8%	6.3%
REGION 5	80,745	80,075	78,714	78,487	77,956	75,545	2,258	2,119	3,169	2.8%	2.6%	4.0%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
Barnes	6,691	6,818	6,597	6,504	6,628	6,391	187	190	206	2.8%	2.8%	3.1%
Dickey	3,859	3,780	3,839	3,754	3,676	3,729	105	104	110	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%
Foster	2,406	2,322	2,501	2,328	2,226	2,375	78	96	126	3.2%	4.1%	5.0%
Griggs	1,806	1,689	1,844	1,781	1,664	1,785	25	25	59	1.4%	1.5%	3.2%
La Moure	2,921	2,756	2,913	2,847	2,684	2,797	74	72	116	2.5%	2.6%	4.0%
Logan	1,844	1,676	1,857	1,819	1,652	1,806	25	24	51	1.4%	1.4%	2.7%
McIntosh	2,665	2,525	2,715	2,634	2,477	2,618	31	48	97	1.2%	1.9%	3.6%
Stutsman	13,136	12,805	13,127	12,704	12,342	12,588	432	463	539	3.3%	3.6%	4.1%
Wells	3,326	3,178	3,384	3,175	3,034	3,217	151	144	167	4.5%	4.5%	4.9%
REGION 6	38,654	37,549	38,777	37,546	36,383	37,306	1,108	1,166	1,471	2.9%	3.1%	3.8%
Burleigh	33,206	33,344	33,152	32,008	31,966	31,183	1,198	1,378	1,969	3.6%	4.1%	5.9%
Emmons	2,687	2,553	2,728	2,613	2,472	2,583	74	81	145	2.8%	3.2%	5.3%
Grant	2,567	2,271	2,593	2,464	2,182	2,449	103	89	144	4.0%	3.9%	5.6%
Kidder	1,980	1,797	2,051	1,881	1,708	1,869	99	89	182	5.0%	5.0%	8.9%
McLean	5,153	4,763	5,158	4,927	4,490	4,713	226	273	445	4.4%	5.7%	8.6%
Mercer	5,877	5,788	6,190	5,522	5,437	5,544	355	351	646	6.0%	6.1%	10.4%
Morton	12,387	12,432	12,477	11,916	11,900	11,609	471	532	868	3.8%	4.3%	7.0%
Oliver	1,289	1,192	1,503	1,215	1,137	1,402	74	55	101	5.7%	4.6%	6.7%
Sheridan	1,571	1,424	1,651	1,510	1,386	1,583	61	38	68	3.9%	2.7%	4.1%
Sioux	1,468	1,452	1,485	1,294	1,305	1,271	174	147	214	11.9%	10.1%	14.4%
REGION 7	68,185	67,016	68,988	65,350	63,983	64,206	2,835	3,033	4,782	4.2%	4.5%	6.9%
Adams	2,051	1,965	2,053	1,999	1,917	1,985	52	48	68	2.5%	2.4%	3.3%
Billings	1,076	995	1,175	1,059	973	1,140	17	22	35	1.6%	2.2%	3.0%
Bowman	2,478	2,376	2,541	2,409	2,318	2,384	69	58	157	2.8%	2.4%	6.2%
Dunn	2,270	2,075	2,425	2,090	1,928	2,247	180	147	178	7.9%	7.1%	7.3%
Gldn Valley	1,230	1,132	1,135	1,201	1,099	1,073	29	33	62	2.4%	2.9%	5.5%
Hettinger	2,335	2,241	2,471	2,246	2,154	2,346	89	87	125	3.8%	3.9%	5.1%
Slope	678	578	712	631	548	625	47	30	87	6.9%	5.2%	12.2%
Stark	12,296	12,192	13,093	11,762	11,526	11,841	534	666	1,252	4.3%	5.5%	9.6%
REGION 8	24,414	23,554	25,605	23,397	22,463	23,641	1,017	1,091	1,964	4.2%	4.6%	7.7%
STATE TOTAL	347,344	341,686	352,526	336,602	327,311	331,753	13,742	14,375	20,773	4.0%	4.2%	5.9%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	Percent Change From June 1987	Percent Change From July 1986
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	121,671	121,235	119,789	0.4%	1.6%
Employment	114,447	113,975	111,559	0.4%	2.6%
Unemployment	7,224	7,260	8,230	-0.5%	-12.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	6.0%	6.9%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	347,340	341,690	352,530	1.7%	-1.5%
Employment	333,600	327,310	331,760	1.9%	0.6%
Unemployment	13,740	14,380	20,770	-4.5%	-33.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.2%	5.9%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	85,030	84,830	81,740	0.2%	4.0%
Employment	82,530	82,250	78,380	0.3%	5.3%
Unemployment	2,500	2,580	3,360	-3.1%	-25.6%
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	3.0%	4.1%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,570	35,510	35,660	0.2%	-0.3%
Employment	34,450	34,370	34,380	0.2%	0.2%
Unemployment	1,120	1,140	1,280	-1.8%	-12.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.2%	3.6%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	45,590	45,780	45,630	-0.4%	-0.1%
Employment	43,920	43,870	42,790	0.1%	2.6%
Unemployment	1,670	1,910	2,840	-12.6%	-41.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.2%	6.2%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

JUNE 1987
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	341.7	367.6	2,284.1	407.5
Employment	327.3	353.2	2,173.7	382.9
Unemployment	14.4	14.4	110.4	24.6
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.9%	4.8%	6.0%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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